
Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Mayor Thomas G. Shaughnessy

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Community Policing Walking Patrol on the move.

With the start of summer the Berwyn Police Department Community Policing Walking Patrol has begun. The officers are currently in the 3rd Ward going house-to-house speaking to area residents and taking information on a Neighborhood Watch Complaint Form regarding your views concerning the safety and welfare of our community. They will also be handing out new neighborhood watch signs for your windows with valuable City of Berwyn Department informational telephone numbers on the back. Your views are important so please take a few minutes to speak with these officers. You may also request to be registered to vote. This request will be forwarded to City Clerk Michael Woodward's office.

2nd Annual Anti-Drug Rally to be held at Freedom Park.

This summers Anti-Drug Rally will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2004 between 4:00p.m. and 11:00 p.m. at Freedom Park located at 37th Street and Scoville Ave. and will feature music, food, contests,

and a movie. This free event starts at 4p.m. with Magic by Paul Lee followed by musical entertainment by 70's and 80's Rock Band – The Windy City Boys at 4:30p.m. The Retro Rockets Band will take the stage at 6p.m. and will conclude at 8p.m. A Disney movie “ Pirates of the Caribbean” will be shown on a large screen in the park at 8:45p.m. There will also be a free swim in the Freedom Park Children's Wading Pool from 5p.m. – 6p.m. with face painting, creating crafts and a pirate-judging contest for all age groups in the park. So wear your best pirate costume and join in the fun. Food will be available for sale at the concession stand. The City of Berwyn, the Berwyn Police Department, the Berwyn Park District, Youth in Crisis and the Berwyn Library sponsor this family event in an effort to promote a drug free community with family unity. So bring out your lawn chairs and join us for a fun filled family evening under the stars. For more information you can contact Community Policing Officer Carmelita Terry at 795-5600 Ext. 111 or Laurie at the Berwyn Park District at 788-1701.

Family Fest Celebrates Its 11th Year

Berwyn Family Fest will be celebrating its 11th year of providing good old-fashioned 4th of July family fun. Family Fest will begin on Thursday, July 01, 2004 through Sunday, July 04, 2004. Activities for everyone are being held throughout the City. Among this years activities will be a bicycle – pet parade, spooky story telling, horseshoe contest, senior citizen bingo, a open family swim with free hot dogs at Pavek pool, sports tournaments, bocce ball tournament, the wedding vows in the park with a concert following, an Elvis night, the 4th of July Parade, a penny carnival and everyone's favorite, the fireworks display on the 4th of July at Morton West High School, which begins at dusk. Rain date for the fireworks will be July 5th.

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Anyone interested in participating in the Family Fest parade on the 4th of July, or entering your pet in the Pet Parade can contact Mary Drenth at 788-1951. Please see attached flyer for individual dates and times.

Summertime Pet Smart Reminders

During the heat of the summer many pet owners enjoy taking their pets with them on car rides. What happens is that pet owners will leave their pet inside the vehicle while running errands with the windows left slightly opened. This is not enough to keep your pet cool and is legally defined as cruelty to an animal. Temperatures can exceed over 100 degrees inside an enclosed vehicle within minutes, causing the pet to become physically distressed. Also when leaving a pet outside in the yard make sure that you allow them a shaded area with plenty of drinking water and food if left out longer than a few minutes. When walking our pets we must realize that the ground can become extremely hot and that because we are wearing footwear, we do not feel the heat. This doesn't mean that our pets are not burning the bottom of their feet. The best time of the day to walk your pet is the early morning hours or the late afternoon and evening hours. Pets are truly man's best friend and deserve to be treated as such.

Remember to bring your pet out to the Mayor Shaughnessy Family Fest Pet/Bicycle Parade on Thursday, July 01, 2004 6p.m. at Berwyn Gardens, the Vacin Fairway and Home Avenue. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Costumed Pet, the Best Silly Trick and the Animal/Owner look a like contest. There will also be bicycle safety helmets given away to all children who participate with their bicycles in the parade.

Mayor's News.....

Cooling Centers Available in Berwyn

The facilities listed below are readily available to residents who are seeking relief from the heat and the humidity that the summer months bring.

Pavek Community Center 6501 W. 31 Street	Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m – 5:00p.m.
Berwyn Public Library 2701 S. Harlem Avenue	during normal hours of operations
North Berwyn Park District 1619 S. Wesley Avenue	Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m – 7:00p.m.
	Friday 9:00a.m – 6:00 p.m.
	Sat. 9:00a.m – Noon
Berwyn Public Safety Center 6401 W. 31 st Street	Anytime

Director's News.....

F.Y.I - 4th of July Fireworks

Fireworks are illegal in the State of Illinois as well as the City of Berwyn. Possession or use of such fireworks will result in arrest. Only novelty fireworks such as non-explosive in nature will be permitted as described in state statute.

F.Y.I – Curfew for all youths, under the ages of seventeen (17) are as follows:

Sunday through Thursday	10:30p.m.
Friday through Saturday	11:30p.m.

This is in accordance with the State of Illinois Curfew Statute.

Berwyn Police Explorer Post 2094 will be holding membership interviews

Any Berwyn youth, between the ages of 14 and not yet 21, who is a graduate of the 8th grade and of good moral character is eligible to participate in this law enforcement community minded program.

Anyone interested in more information or would like to sign up for an interview, which will be conducted in July, can do so by contacting Community Policing Officer Carmelita Terry at 795-5600 Ext. 111.

